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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING  
EXTERNALLY-DEFINED OBJECTS FROM  
AN ARRAY-BASED MATHEMATICAL  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT**

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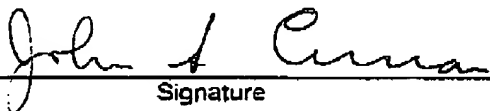
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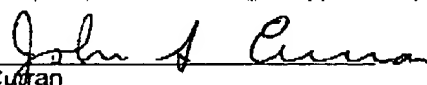
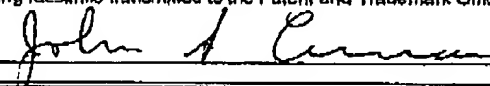
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